

Minnesota Legislative Agenda and Capital Investment

Process and 2014 Program

City of Minneapolis Legislative Agenda

Process: Overview

- **End of summer:** Department heads, Elected officials and Policy Liaison Team members develop legislative ideas for next session
- **Fall:** IGR works with City staff/electeds to develop proposals and vet ideas with outside stakeholders
- **Fall:** Policy Liaison Team discusses department proposals, votes on recommending to IGR Committee

- **November:** IGR Chair/Vice Chair review proposals recommended by Policy Liaison Team, departments and other electeds. Makes recommendation to IGR committee
- **Late November/Early December:** IGR and City departments present new, vetted proposals to IGR Committee
- **Early December:** IGR Committee adopts new agenda, including new items and amendments/deletions to old items.
- **End of December:** Full City Council adopts final legislative agenda for upcoming legislative session

Example Legislative Agenda Items

- **Public Finance**
 - LGA, TIF, tax policy
- **Capital Investment**
 - City of Minneapolis projects, funding for statewide programs (bridges, housing)
- **Public Safety**
 - Human trafficking, domestic violence, illegal guns, sex offenders, traffic, fire safety
- **Transportation**
 - Transit funding, multimodal systems, bicycle/pedestrian transportation
- **Housing**
 - Affordability, quality, & access, foreclosure prevention and recovery, preservation of housing, end homelessness
- **Municipal Governance**
 - Local control of regulations of liquor, inspections, elections, code enforcement
- **City Livability**
 - Public health, youth violence prevention
- **Environment and Sustainability**
 - Franchise agreements, storm/wastewater, local food
- **Jobs and Economic Development**
 - Redevelopment, brownfield clean-up and job creation funds, youth employment, eliminating racial and gender disparities

Capital Investment Process: Overview

- Capital investment funded primarily by state general obligation bonds
- Bonds have a maximum term of 20 years and must be committed within 4 years
- Use of bonds limited:
 - Public Ownership and Public Purpose
- State and Local Governments may request capital investment funds

Capital Investment Process Schedule

- Primary work done in odd-numbered years
- **April:** Minnesota Department of Management and Budget notifies state agencies that application materials are available
- **June:** Completed applications due.
 - Local Governments must:
 - adopt resolution identifying the projects and establish priority.
 - have non-state funding source of at least 50% of project cost.

- **July/August:** Management and Budget posts list of all projects (July/August) 2013
- **September-January:** Legislative Capital Investment Committees begin site visits throughout the state.
- **January:** (even-numbered year): Governor's Capital Budget request released
- **February-March:** Legislative hearings held
- **March:** Committee bills marked-up

- **March – anytime in session:** Floor debate and vote - 60% needed to pass the bill
- **March – anytime in session:** Conference committee organized to workout differences
- **March – end of session:** Final passage, 60%
- Usually part of end-of-session negotiations

City of Minneapolis Capital Investments

- Projects must have regional or statewide significance to be considered
- City departments suggest worthy projects to City Council
- Council passes resolution with priority order and funding amount requested for each project
- Projects must have 50% non-state match

2014 Capital Investment Program

- City of Minneapolis Projects:
 1. Nicollet Mall \$25.0M
 2. Storm Water Tunnels \$4.5M
 3. Soldiers' and Pioneers Cemetery \$1.9M
 4. Emergency Regional Water Backup \$1.5M
- City projects are separate from other jurisdiction (Henn. Co. MPRB, MPS) requests

2014 Capital Investment Program

- Governor Dayton's Recommendations:
 - \$2.9 billion in requests
 - \$986.0 million recommended in general obligation bonds
 - Nicollet Mall recommended at \$20M
- House and Senate Recommendations
 - To be determined